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Organization of work of the Second Committee

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee will be listed in the letter from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/61/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/61/100 and Add.1).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/61/250) and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 4, subparagraphs (e) to (g) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the following items and sub-items have been allocated to the Second Committee: "Information and communication technologies for development"; "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions" (for annual consideration); "Towards global partnerships" (every other year); and "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development" (every three years).

List of documents

4. Attention is drawn to the documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee contained in the draft programme of work, which provides a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme. An

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addendum to the present document provides further information on the status of documentation before the Committee.

Length of statements

5. The Second Committee, in the past, decided to limit statements on all agenda items to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

Practices and working methods

6. The Second Committee, in implementing General Assembly resolution 58/316, in particular paragraphs 3 (c) and (d) of section C of the annex, shall utilize or expand the practice of interactive debates and introduce the practice of "question time".

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

7. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of seven formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

8. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, and as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Bureau members of the Committee so as to ensure full servicing of those consultations. In accordance with the established practice, informal consultations will be used for expressing general observations on the proposals and for adopting them ad referendum. All drafting will be done at the level of informal "informal" consultations (without interpretation or other services) and will be conducted by the appointed coordinators/facilitators.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

9. Pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of section D of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" should be considered in its entirety in plenary; however, it was clarified by the General Committee that the relevant parts of chapter I of the report that fall under agenda items already allocated to the Main Committees would be considered by the Committee concerned for final action by the General Assembly (see A/59/250/Add.1, para. 4).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

10. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 1 December 2006 for the conclusion of its work.

Annex

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
Week of 18-22 September	
Wednesday, 20 September	
10 a.m.	
Organization of work	
Week of 2-6 October	
Monday, 2 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
General debate	
Tuesday, 3 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
General debate (*continued*)	
Wednesday, 4 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	
General debate (*concluded*)	
Friday, 6 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)	
Week of 9-13 October	
Monday, 9 October	
10 a.m.-noon (*side event*)	
12-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
***Item 51*: Macroeconomic policy questions**	
(b) International financial system and development	Report of the Secretary-General on international financial system and development (A/61/136)
(c) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General on recent developments in external debt (A/61/152)
(d) Commodities	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on world commodity trends and prospects (A/61/202)

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
Tuesday, 10 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
***Item 52*: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development**	Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/61/253) Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 24 April 2006) (A/61/81-E/2006/73)
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under item sub-items 51 (b)-(d)	
Wednesday, 11 October	
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	
***Item 69*: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance**[1]	
(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions	Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for El Salvador and Guatemala (A/61/78-E/2006/61) Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for selected countries and regions (A/61/209)
(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development	Report of the Secretary-General on participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development (A/61/313)
4.30-6 p.m. (*side event*)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under item 52	

[1] Sub-items 69 (a) and (d) are plenary items. Sub-items 69 (b) and (c) have been allocated to the Second Committee in accordance with subparagraphs 4 (c) and (g) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316.

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
Thursday, 12 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	
***Item 50*: Information and communication technologies for development**	Report of the Secretary-General on information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295 (A/61/254)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Policies of United Nations system organizations towards the use of open source software for development" (A/61/94)
	Addendum to the above note containing comments of the Secretary-General (A/61/94/Add.1)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (A/61/165)
3-5 p.m. — (*side event*)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under sub-items 69 (b) and (c)	
Friday, 13 October	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under item 50	
Week of 16-20 October	
Tuesday, 17 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
***Item 51*: Macroeconomic policy questions**	
(a) International trade and development	Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (A/61/272)
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-eighth executive session (Supplement No. 15) (A/61/15 (Part I))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-eighth executive session (Supplement No. 15) (A/61/15 (Part II))

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-eighth executive session (Supplement No. 15) (A/61/15 (Part III))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-eighth executive session (Supplement No. 15) (A/61/15 (Part IV))
Wednesday, 18 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	
Dialogue on globalization with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions	
3-5 p.m. (*side event*)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under sub-item 51 (a)	
Thursday, 19 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
***Item 55*: Globalization and interdependence**	
(a) Globalization and interdependence	Report of the Secretary-General on the role of innovation, science and technology in pursuing development in the context of globalization (A/61/286)
(b) International migration and development	Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development (A/60/871)[2]
	Note by the President of the General Assembly transmitting the summary of informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector (A/61/187)[3]
	Letter dated 13 April 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/73)

[2] Submitted during the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

[3] For the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development.

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
	Letter dated 7 June 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/91)
	Letter dated 19 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/170)
	Letter dated 31 March 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/230)
	Note verbale dated 31 August 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat (A/61/315)
	Letter dated 1 September 2006 from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/316)
	Letter dated 30 August 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/343)
	Letter dated 7 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/61/345)
	Letter dated 14 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/346)
(c) Culture and development	Letter dated 18 May 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/86)
	Letter dated 5 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/321)
	Letter dated 14 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/378-S/2006/761)

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption	Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin (A/61/177)
(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy	Report of the Secretary-General on integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/61/269)
	Letter dated 12 June 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan and Lithuania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/93) (also under sub-item 53 (a))
	Letter dated 6 July 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/126) (also under sub-items 53 (a) and 56 (b))
	Letter dated 24 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/181) (also under sub-items 53 (b) and 56 (b))
Friday, 20 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	
***Item 40*: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources**	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (A/61/67-E/2006/13)
3-5 p.m. (*side event*)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under sub-items 55 (a)-(e)	
Week of 23-27 October	
Monday, 23 October	
3-5 p.m. (*side event*)	

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under item 40	
Tuesday, 24 October	
United Nations holiday	
Wednesday, 25 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
***Item 53*: Sustainable development**	
(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/61/258) Letter dated 12 June 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan and Lithuania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/93) (also under sub-item 55 (e)) Letter dated 6 July 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/126) (also under sub-items 55 (e) and 56 (b))
(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Report of the Secretary-General on the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/61/277) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development (A/61/268) Letter dated 21 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/72-E/2006/54) Letter dated 13 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Seychelles to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/75-E/2006/49)

Item to be considered		*Documentation*
		Letter dated 13 April 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/76-E/2006/51)
		Letter dated 24 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/181) (also under sub-items 55 (e) and 56 (b))
(c)	**International Strategy for Disaster Reduction**	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/61/229 and Corr.1)
		Global survey of early warning systems (complements the report of the Secretary-General on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) (A/C.2/61/CRP.1 — English only)
(d)	**Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind**	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (A/61/225)
(f)	**Convention on Biological Diversity**	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/61/225)
(g)	**Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session**	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its ninth special session (Supplement No. 25) (A/61/25)
		Report of the Secretary-General on universal membership of the Governing Council/Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/61/322)
Thursday, 26 October		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		
***Item 53* and sub-items 53 (a)-(d) and (f)-(g)** *(continued)*		

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
3-6 p.m.	
***Item 54*: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/61/262) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (E/2006/71) (A/61/363)
Friday, 27 October	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under item 54	
Week of 30 October-3 November	
Monday, 30 October	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	
***Item 53*: Sustainable development**	
(e) **Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa**	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/61/225)
***Item 118*: Programme planning**	Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-sixth session (Supplement No. 16) (A/61/16)
6 p.m. (*side event*)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under sub-items 53 (a)-(g)	
Wednesday, 1 November	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)	

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
Thursday, 2 November	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
***Item 58*: Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system**	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of UNDP on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/61/292) Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2004 (A/61/77-E/2006/59)
Friday, 3 November	
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (*side event*)	
3-6 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Action on proposals under items 40, 50, sub-items 51 (b)-(d), item 52, item 54, sub-items 55 (a)-(c) and sub-items 69 (b) and (c)	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under item 58	
Week of 6-10 November	
Wednesday, 8 November	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	
***Item 56*: Groups of countries in special situations**	
(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/82-E/2006/74 and Corr.1)[4] Report of the Secretary-General for the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[4] (A/61/173 and Corr.1)

[4] For the high-level meeting on the comprehensive global midterm review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010.

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
	Note by the President of the General Assembly transmitting the summary of the informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector (A/61/162)
	Report of the preparatory meeting of experts for the high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/61/323)
	Letter dated 27 June 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/117)
(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action (A/61/302)
	Letter dated 6 July 2006 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/126) (also under sub-items 53 (a) and 55 (e))
	Letter dated 24 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/181) (also under sub-items 53 (b) and 55 (e))
Thursday, 9 November	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under sub-items 56 (a) and (b)	
Friday, 10 November	
10-11.30 a.m. (*side event*)	
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	
***Item 57*: Eradication of poverty and other development issues**	Report of the Secretary-General on the observance of the International Year of Microcredit, 2005 (A/61/307)
(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)	Report of the Secretary-General on the observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (A/61/308)

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
(b) Industrial development cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation (A/61/305)
Week of 13-17 November	
Monday, 13 November	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under sub-items 57 (a) and (b)	
Tuesday, 14 November	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	
***Item 59*: Training and research**	
(a) United Nations University	Report of the Council of the United Nations University (Supplement No. 31) (A/61/31)
(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research	Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (Supplement No. 14) (A/61/14)
Wednesday, 15 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
2006 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities	
2006 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme	
6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of proposals under sub-items 59 (a) and (b)	
Friday, 17 November	
3-6 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Action on proposals under sub-items 51 (a), 53 (a)-(g), 56 (a) and (b) and item 58	
Week of 27 November-1 December	
Thursday, 30 November	
3-6 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Action on all outstanding proposals	

Item to be considered	*Documentation*
Friday, 1 December	
3-6 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Action on all outstanding proposals	
Conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	